

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Under the ESI Act, 1948, the responsibility for administration of medical care vests in State Governments/U.T. Administrations except in Delhi and Noida where it is being directly administered by the ESI Corporation. The Homeo Units in hospitals/dispensaries are set up as and when a request in this regard is made by the State Governments. At present Homeo Units are functioning in ESI Hospital, Jaipur (Rajasthan) and ESI Hospital Asraman (Kerala). There are 12 Homeo Units/Dispensaries in Kerala, 11 in U.P. and one each in Bihar and Rajasthan.

(c) and (d) No proposal from the Government of Kerala for opening of Homeo Units in ESI Hospitals has been received by the ESIC.

Opening of Government Hospitals CGHS Dispensaries

1178. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to open more Government hospitals and CGHS dispensaries in the country in view of the difficulties being faced by the patients;

(b) if so, the places where Government hospitals and CGHS dispensaries are likely to be opened in the country during the current year; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) to (c) Health being a State subject under the Constitution, State Governments frame their programmes for opening of hospitals depending upon the felt needs of the people of the area and the availability of resources. In order to augment the existing facilities under CGHS, recently private hospitals and diagnostic centres have been recognised in the CGHS, covered cities for both specialised and general treatment procedures and diagnostic facilities. With this the CGHS patients shall be able to take benefit of these institutions near their residences and avoid long hospitals queues in Government hospitals. In the drive undertaken for recognition of more hospitals the recognition process is already over in case of Pune, Calcutta, Hyderabad, Delhi, Bangalore, Jaipur,

Allahabad, Meerut, Lucknow, Kanpur and Chennai where the following more institutes have been recognised:-

1. Pune	36
2. Calcutta	15
3. Hyderabad	23
4. Delhi	24
5. Bangalore	16
6. Jaipur	10
7. Allahabad	5
8. Lucknow	8
9. Kanpur	17
10. Meerut	9
11. Chennai	20

Processing is actively on for recognition of such institutes of repute in the remaining CGHS covered cities.

Further, it is proposed to open CGHS dispensaries at few more capitals cities subject to availability of resources.

[Translation]

Land Acquired by DDA

1179. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total land acquired by the Delhi Development Authority till date;

(b) the total land utilised by the Delhi Development Authority out of the acquired land;

(c) the total land under unauthorised possession; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Delhi Development Authority to get this land free from unauthorised possession ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) 59542.78 Acres.

(b) 47670.00 Acres.

(c) 1790.53 Acres.

(d) Removal of illegal encroachments and regular demolition programmes are organised and carried out with the help of local police except in cases which are covered by stay orders of the Courts.

Use of Syringes

1180. SHRI DHIRENDRA AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the details of study made by Core Health Care Limited, Ahmedabad and published in the 'Business Standard' dated May 2, 1997;

(b) whether 78 per cent of syringes used in injections in India are reused for injections;

(c) whether the World Health Organisation has suggested that fully disposable syringes should be used; and

(d) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government, in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Most of the syringes which are used are glass syringes being used after following proper sterilisation procedure like boiling and auto-clave.

(c) No, Sir. WHO suggests full destruction of disposable syringes, if used and proper sterilisation like auto-slaving and boiling of glass syringes.

(d) Government has issued instructions for proper sterilisation of the glass syringes and needles and destruction of the disposable needles after use instead of throwing into the garbage.

Hindi Advisory Committee

1181. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Hindi Advisory Committee has been constituted in the Ministry;

(b) if so, the date on which the meeting of this Committee is proposed to be held;

(c) whether Government propose to use official

language in Indian Embassies in foreign countries;

(d) whether there is any proposal to use Hindi or National Language of the concerned country in place of English in the offices located in other countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA) : (a) and (b) The reconstitution of the Hindi Advisory Committee of the Ministry of External Affairs is under way. The process is expected to be completed soon. As soon as the Committee is reconstituted in consultation with the Department of Official Languages, action will be taken to convene its meeting at the earliest.

(c) The Indian Missions abroad are the offices of the Government of India and, accordingly, Government takes all necessary steps to implement the provisions of the official language policy as applicable to these offices of Government of India.

(d) and (e) All efforts are made towards promotion of use of Hindi in the Indian Missions abroad in keeping with the Government of India's policy on the subject. The national languages of the countries concerned are also used for catering to functional needs. However, it would not be practical to completely replace English by Hindi or by the national languages of the countries concerned.

[English]

Facilities to Leprosy Patients

1182. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether leprosy patients are getting proper care in the leprosy homes;

(b) if so, the details of the facilities being provided to leprosy patients therein; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for the betterment of their conditions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) Yes, Sir. Under National Leprosy Eradication Programme, domiciliary treatment is encouraged and only patients having side effects, ulcer and complications are admitted in Temporary Hospitalisation Wards.